



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LEONARD et al.

Application No.: 10/659,586

Filed: September 11, 2003

For: USE OF IL-12 AND IL-12  
ANTAGONISTS IN THE  
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE  
DISEASES

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is filed with a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time and is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 5.

A Terminal Disclaimer is attached to this reply.